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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U. S. BY M'BOW

REF: PARIS 13021

1. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON MEETING OF U. S. NATIONAL COMMISSION COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PROFESSOR CLYDE FERGUSON, ONE OF "WISE MEN" SELECTED BY DG M'BOW TO PREPARE FIRST RE-DRAFT OF DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE FOR 1978 GENERAL CONFERENCE, REPORTED TO IO/ UNESCO OFFICER (PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL) THAT M'BOW MADE IT CLEAR DURING HIS CONFIDENTIAL ONE-ON-ONE TALK WITH FERGUSON THAT HE ATTACHED HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO SEEING PRESIDENT CARTER. FERGUSON SAID THIS WAS IN LINE WITH CONCERTED EFFORT M'BOW IS MAKING TO SEE EVERY MAJOR HEAD OF STATE AND AS MANY OTHERS AS POSSIBLE. FERGUSON
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SPECULATED THAT M'BOW GAVE SUCH HIGH PRIORITY TO THIS -- AND TOOK IT SO PERSONALLY, FRAMING IT AS QUESTION OF ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION OF HIMSELF-- AT LEAST IN PART BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE HE ATTRIBUTED TO IT AS MEANS OF PROMOTING HIS FUTURE PERSONAL AMBITIONS.

2. FERGUSON SAID M'BOW FLATLY TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD NOT

MAKE A RETURN VISIT TO WASHINGTON UNLESS HE WAS ASSURED
OF APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT. HE ALSO STATED HIS
INTENTION TO RAISE THIS MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG
AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY. VANCE

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